

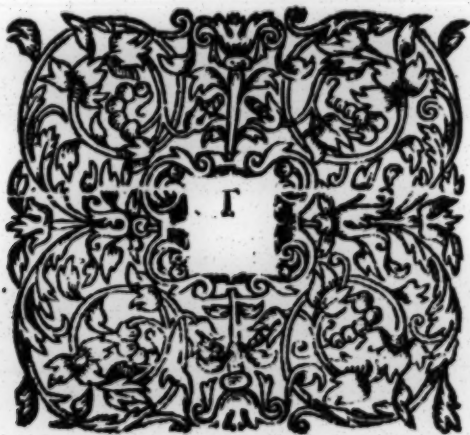
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# ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL

*Anent the Militia and Detachments thereof, and Deserters and Run-aways from the same; and providing of Horses, &c. in His Majesties Service.*



Edinburgh, the ninth day of October, 1688.



HE Lords of His *Majesties* Privy Council do Ordain, That when His *Majesties* Service requires any Detachments to be made in the Militia, for the future, that the respective Commanders of the Militia Regiments, make the said Detachments proportionally from the persons lyable to Outreik the Militia: As likewise, They do Ordain, that when any mans Arms is taken, and given to another, whom the Officers thinks fitter for the said Service, they are to give to the owner of the saids Arms, a Note, obliging them to return the same; And that the said Militia, and all the Detachments thereof, may prove effectual for His *Majesties* Service, The saids Lords do hereby Decern and Ordain, any Run-aways, or Deserters of His *Majesties* Militia, or Detachments thereof, to be lyable to Corporal Punishment, according to Law; and that the Master, or any other who shall Reset the said Deserter, or Run-away, shall be punished with all rigor, as the saids Lords of the Privy Council shall think fit; And that the Outreikers of the said Deserter, or Deserters, upon Intimation by the Officer, shall be forthwith obliged to furnish others in their place; With Certification, that the saids Outreikers shall be lyable to the Pains and Penalties contained in the Acts of Parliament, anent the Deficients of the Militia. And to the end, that the saids Deserters, or Run-aways may be known, the respective Collonels, and other Commanders, are hereby Ordered to cause Proclaim the Names of such Run-aways and Deserters, at all the Church-Doors of the Shire, that none may pretend Ignorance in Resetting of them; And for the encouragement of all concerned in the said Militia, Ordains the Pay due to the Souldiers, to be given in to the Officers, and by them to be payed to the Souldiers daily, according to their Service and attendance, as they will be answerable. As likewise, The saids Lords for preventing any abuses for the future, by pressing of Horses for the use of His *Majesties* Forces, or Artillerie, Do Require and Command, That in all time coming, when Horses are needful for His *Majesties* Service, in, and about *Edinburgh*, That the Commanding Officer give in a Note to His *Majesties* Privy Council of the number of Horses, and Furniture needful for the time, and that the saids Horses be proportionally furnished, viz. The one half by the Town of *Edinburgh*, and the other by the Shire of *Mid-Lothian*; And for that effect, that an Order be direct to the Provost of *Edinburgh*, and another to the Clerk for the Supply of the Shire, who is hereby Ordered to cast the *Quota* conform to the valuation, and send the several proportions of the respective Paroches, to one of the Justices of the Peace of the said Paroch, who is hereby forthwith Ordered to send the saids Horses and Furniture to the place appointed by the Council: And for that effect, the saids Justices are hereby Impowered and Authorized to seize Horses, and Fine or Imprison the Deficients; And further to prevent abuses in the furnishing of Horses, the Magistrats of *Edinburgh* are hereby peremptorly Discharged to take, or press any Horses from any persons, except from their own Inhabitants, and these living in their Town and Suburbs, and under their Jurisdiction: And the Lords of Council do hereby expressly and peremptorly Prohibite and Discharge any Officers, or Souldiers, whether of His *Majesties* Standing Forces, or Militia, to press, or seize any Horses, upon pretence of His *Majesties* Service, without expresse Warrant from the Lord High Chancellor, or a Privy Councillour at least, as they will be answerable at their highest peril. And the saids Lords Declare, notwithstanding of the Speciality foresaid, that this Act is to be extended, as to the whole Shires of the Kingdom, and Ordain the same to be put in Execution accordingly, every manner of way, as is above-expressed. And to the end these Presents may be made known, Ordain the same to be Published at the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, by the Macers of Council, and by Messengers at Arms, at the whole other Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom, that none may pretend ignorance. Extracted by me

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